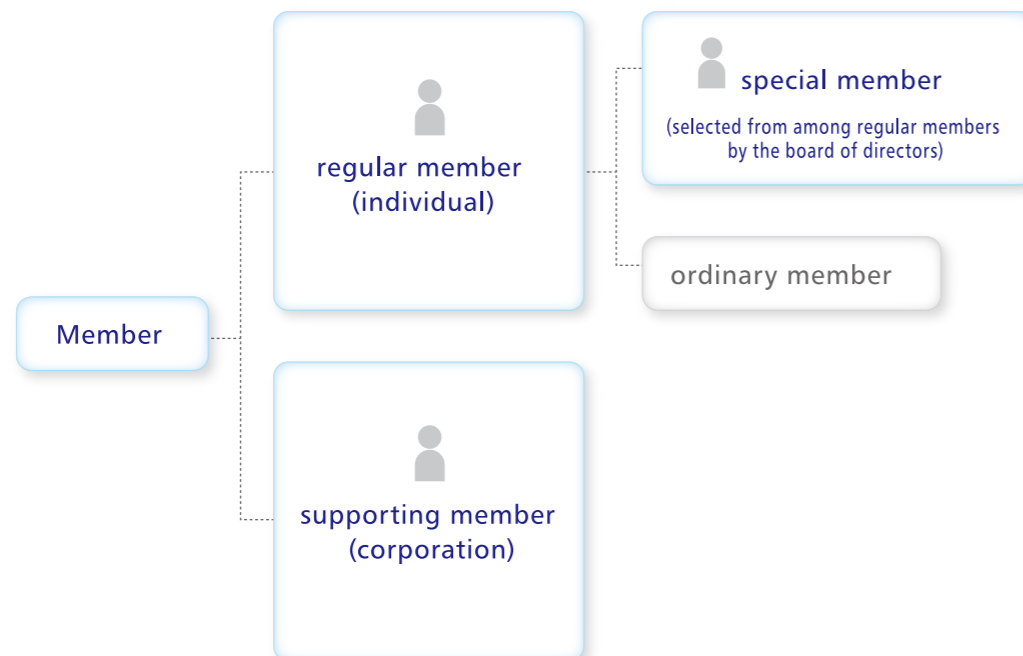


Organization

The decisions of the society are made by the "General Meeting of Members" , which are composed of special members, and the "Board of Directors" comprises directors. The General Meeting of Members can make every decision on the organization and administration of the society and its related matters. The Board of Directors can make decisions on the management of the society' s business. The members of the society are classified as follows.



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of
Blessings from the sea and
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Statement

As the world population increases, securing food resources has been a major issue. For that reason, we need to work toward using both the world's and Japan's marine resources in a sustainable, reproducible manner, while making efficient use of limited marine resources through healthy conservation of the water environment, and will eventually contribute to human health and sound development of the marine industry. In doing so, the Group is required to conduct scientific studies and provide suggestions on marine resource management and water environmental conservation, and must address the following issues in particular

- Research and analysis of marine resources;
- Research and study regarding sustainable uses of marine resources;
- Study of fishing management system to ensure sustainable uses of marine resources;
- Research and study of technologies to develop efficient uses for marine resources;
- Research and study regarding global uses and distributions of marine resources;
- Research and study regarding aquaculture/farming environmental conservation;
- Research and study regarding aquaculture/farming marine products; and
- Holding international conferences and other appropriate meetings regarding study and research.

Bearing these issues in mind, and in considering the necessities of promoting research and study in the field of marine resources and water environmental conservation, giving suggestions based on results of scientific and objective examinations, and receiving social recognition, we established the incorporated association, Society for Conservation of Fisheries Resources and Marine Environment.

Message from the Representative Director

Dr. Hiroyuki Matsuda

Domestic and international realities surrounding fisheries have begun to change drastically. Around ten years ago, negative public opinions about fisheries had been formed by ecologists who pointed out the impact fisheries had on marine ecosystems. In recent years, however, protection of fisheries and marine resources are being encouraged by the trading system of individual catch quotas. Moreover, a dissertation entitled Rebuilding Global Fisheries, which was jointly authored by an ecologist and a fisheries scientist, has started to be widely cited.

The domestic and international perception of marine products as foods has also changed. Although some note that hazardous substances may be contained within them in some cases, marine products are garnering attention as foods that help improve health, as witnessed in the rising numbers of sushi enthusiasts worldwide. Furthermore, technologies for conserving the water environment, with which be use marine products in different forms, including aquaculture, are becoming widespread over the globe. At the same time, even consumers are required to take responsibility for using the limited "blessings from the sea" in a sustainable manner. Such a tendency has been formed by new public opinions added to traditional ones rather than the new replacing the old, through diverse discussions repeatedly held in and among various countries.

In consideration of these trends, in order to ensure sustainable uses of marine resources and conservation of aquaculture and water environment as specified in the charter, we expect the association to present results of the world's objective and scientific research and practical models of successful fisheries in a cross-disciplinary manner, share knowledge with various associates and participants, and deliver clear information. We greatly appreciate the participation of all parties interested and involved.

▶ Activities

The society has raised funds from corporations, organizations and individuals that agree to the concept of the prospectus . The fund is used for supporting the study and investigation mentioned in the prospectus. The society will make public the outcome of such study and investigation as study reports based on scientific verification. Also, it holds symposiums by experts from various fields once in while to provide solutions for the coexistence fishing and marine resources.

